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25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

Hon. Allen Dulles, Chief of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Re: One Little - One Big - Mistake.

Little One: In Parade, a Sunday pictorial magazine there appeared in its June 22nd issue a feature article authored by Parade's Washington correspondent, Fred Blumenthal and entitled: "The Red Balance Sheet in Latin America." I find this bit of misinformation:

"Why this sudden Communist upswing in the 21 nations south of us?"

The Organization of American States, with General Secretariat in Washington is composed of 21 members of which one is the U. S. A. Mr. Blumenthal may have had that number in mind and forgot to deduct one for our country (?). Big one:

This error of course would not be brought by me to your notice. It is set forth to point up what I believe may be a big mistake. Mr. Blumenthal alleges:

"The real aim, in Caracas, was to drag the Vice President from his car, trample him and string him up by the heels.
"Among Latins, this death--the kind suffered by Italian dictator Mussolini--is the most disgraceful possible. x x the mobs, although within pistol range, refused Nixon the 'honor of a death by bullet.'"

A sensational claim to publish without proof. It stands as a harmful accusation for the 21 American States. Mr. Blumenthal should substantiate his horrible claim or he should acknowledge he has made a bad mistake:

| Sincerely yours, | • | ^^ | STAT  |
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